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Hello sir, I hope you're well. I'm sure you're quite busy given all that's going on. I wanted to pass along some informal intelligence in the form of draft notes we are pulling together from our [redacted] monitoring of chatter related to the convoy.

The attached was compiled by my team and is still considered a draft, so it's not yet ready for wider distribution. It will eventually form part of a broader briefing we or research report we will publish. Feel free to share internally with your team if this is helpful, but please don't share externally or reference this publicly until after we have published our report (ETA is still TBD; we may wait until after things die down to avoid getting a bunch of nasty comments and threats from folks on social media).

For ease of reference, here are the key takeaways from the attached document:

- The trucker convoys taking place across multiple provinces of Canada have received support from right-wing politicians, organizing groups and content creators in the US. These include former President Trump, Ben Shapiro, Marjorie Taylor Greene, and Dan Bongino.
- There has been widespread discussion of the convoys on Facebook - with over 97k posts from Jan 22-Feb 5 - and videos using the hashtag #FreedomConvoy2020 [vm.tiktok.com] have generated over 192 million views. This content includes violent threats and conspiracy theories targeting Canadian PM Justin Trudeau.
- Funding appears to be coming from a host of US and international sources. The associated GoFundMe campaign, which has since been removed, was promoted across numerous US-based Facebook groups focused on anti-vaccine and anti-COVID restrictions content. A new fundraising effort was set up on GiveSendGo after the removal of the GoFundMe campaign has raised over $7.7million.
- The convoys have been discussed and promoted by extreme right-wing communities across [redacted] and [redacted] as channels attempt to organize similar efforts in over 30 countries, including the US.

- US communities are discussing and preparing for a convoy to travel from California to Washington, DC on March 1st, to coincide with Biden's State of the Union address. Facebook groups being used to organize and galvanize support for this (including with 200,000 members) are being removed but systemically reappearing.

Cheers,
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Good evening Daniel

Hope all is well with you and your family.

Thank you for this update – looks like you and the team have made a lot of progress on these important national security issues.

Please do send an invitation to all on the senior OPS members who I have put on this cc' list (it is updated since your last email) – I will leave it to their discretion re

actual participation. Ensure that you include me on the invite list as I will be assuming a role on the CACP's National Security & Counter Terrorism committee.

Finally, please share more info on the Institute for Strategic Dialogue that you referenced in your original email below – the non-profit global organizations focused on combating polarization and disinformation and countering violent extremism [eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com].

Regards,

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> Hello hello sir,
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> I hope things are well at your end. We're still in full lockdown mode here in Toronto unfortunately, but I'm crossing my fingers that will change by the time the end of June rolls around! How's life in Ottawa?
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> Following up on the below report I shared last year, ISD has just completed our final report for our Canada far-right extremism research project, which has been well-received by our funders at Public Safety. To help close out the project we are going to run a closed-door pre-launch webinar for key stakeholders from government, law enforcement and academia in Canada on **June 4th**. This will be used as an opportunity to socialise the findings of the report before we release it publically.
>
> Public Safety are kindly helping to organise the logistics of the event and will be circulating invites within their circles this week. But we also wanted to make sure key partners and stakeholders in Canada from ISD's rolodex are

invited as well. If it's alright with this group, I'd like to add everyone copied below to the invite list in case it is of interest. Let me know if that would be okay!

Cheers,
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Daniel

Thank you for reaching out to me and sharing this very valuable reference material/reports/links re Right-wing Extremism in Canada.

I have copied a number of my OPS leadership team who may find these resources valuable in the their work and/or who can share the info with their networks.

Best regards,

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From [redacted]
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Hello hello sir, I hope you're well!

I wanted to share the attached report (see the below email thread for additional details), as it may be of interest to you and other colleagues in Canadian law enforcement. There has been some coverage on CBC [eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] / The Globe and Mail [eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com] / VICE [eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com], and Global News did a quick 3 min segment that nicely sums up the most salient points of this research, which was funded by Public Safety Canada: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWzSgLZmej8 [eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]

Also wanted to say, if you ever have need of expertise in the context of extremism or disinformation, I'd be more than happy to connect you with folks on my team at the think tank I have been supporting while I participate in the 50% reduced hours program here at Deloitte. The think tank, the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, is a non-profit and one of the leading global organizations focused on combating polarization and disinformation and countering violent extremism [eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]. They're a brilliant group of folks committed to enhancing public safety, running the gamut of expertise from disinformation to far right extremism and Islamist radicalization. They have made me a Senior Manager, put me in charge of intelligence on investigations, so I am working very much in my wheelhouse! My email address at ISD is copied here for your reference.

Cheers,
Daniel

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Haha, I've dug up one too many a real identity via nom de plume to be willing to risk it at this point Guillaume!

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^Please feel free share this around your own networks when you have a moment – it's important research for folks to be aware of! That said, after taking a take a look through the comments on that Global video on YouTube, no need to mention me if you do share it ;)

Cheers,
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Light reading for the week-end… Looks very interesting.

So not even an acknowledgement under a *nom de plume*?

Guillaume

[redacted]

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Good stuff, Daniel, thanks for sharing!

Alan

[redacted]

Subject: An Online Environmental Scan of Right-wing Extremism in Canada

Hi team,

I'm very proud to share the first of two reports I've spent the better part of the last two months helping to write during my off hours while participating in Deloitte's reduced hours flexibility program (I've kept my name off of the report as an author because I don't need to add Canadian internet Nazis to the already-too-long list of baddies who would probably be interested in doxing me lol). The team of extremism researchers at the think tank / charity I've been helping, the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, have completed this online environmental scan of the far right in Canada based off of several years of ethnographic

research into far right extremism. This effort was led by my colleague [redacted] who is an expert in far right extremism and hate mapping.

The report is worth a read for our purposes, as it's highly relevant to the social media due diligence / screening work we have been doing in both public and private sector contexts. Of particular note is the research the report includes into the [redacted] breach that Yasmin first flagged for us..

Also, you should read it and share it around, if only because I have not slept very much in weeks and I want to gloat and brag a little bit!

Full report is attached. Here's the background description from where the report is hosted online [eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]:

> In January 2020 former Canadian Armed Forces reservist [redacted] was arrested with two other men. The trio were suspected members of The Base – a violent neo-Nazi organisation – and had allegedly been planning an attack at a gun rights rally in Richmond Virginia with the aim of causing chaos and accelerating the initiation of a civil war.
>
> This arrest was part of a global pattern – acts of terrorism committed by the far-right have increased by 320% over the past five years, supported by an increasingly connected and internationalist community of right-wing extremism. Canada has not been isolated from this trend and in recent years the number of hate groups operating in the country has tripled.
>
> Central to this increase in activity is the use of social media. It provides avenues for a broad spectrum of right-wing extremists to mobilise by recruiting new members, broadcasting disinformation and propaganda, harassing opponents, and co-ordinating activity including publicity stunts, protests and acts of violence. Social media used includes popular platforms like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, and a constellation of fringe forums including ultra-libertarian platforms with lax content moderation policies such as Gab, and specially created extremist hubs like [redacted] and [redacted].
>
> This report represents the interim findings of a two-year study designed to increase understanding of the social media footprint of right-wing extremism (RWE) in Canada. This work is part of a larger project designed to understand RWE in Canada led by Ontario Tech University (OTU), in partnership with Michigan State University and the University of New Brunswick. This team are currently working on a similar project designed to map offline RWE in Canada. The project follows a similar study delivered in 2015, enabling researchers and policymakers to understand how RWE has changed in the past five years.
>
> To date, our researchers have assessed the scale of Canadian right-wing extremist activity across Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, [redacted], Gab, [redacted] and [redacted]. Over the next year we will analyse extremism on these platforms in more detail, and incorporate additional digital forums into our study. This represents one of the most comprehensive efforts to date to assess the scale of right-wing extremist activity online in Canada.

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